GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1173
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2002
LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO POOR PERSONS
VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by the Central Government to provide free legal assistance to poor persons during the last one year, State-wise;

(b) whether all the States have utilized the said amount; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) Funds are not allocated directly to the State Governments.In terms of Sub-section (c) of Section 4 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) allocates funds to the State Legal Services Authorities for implementation of Legal Aid Schemes and programmes propagated by NALSA which include provision for free legal assistance to the poor. Statement showing the details of amount allocated by National Legal Services Authority during the last one year i.e. financial year 2000-2001, State wise (including Supreme Court Legal Services Committee) is annexed.

(b)&(c) In the very nature of the activities of the State Legal Services Authorities, some amount invariably is left out for immediate utilization during the next financial year, pending fresh allocation of funds.

Statement in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1173 dated 7.3.2002.

(Statement showing the details of the amount allocated by National Legal Services Authority, during the last one year i.e. the financial year 2000-2001, state-wise (including Supreme Court Legal Services Committee)

S. No. Name of the State/Union Territory Amount allocated

1. Assam 10,00,000/-

2. Gujarat 59,50,000/-

3. Haryana 35,00,000/-

4. Jammu & Kashmir 9,50,000/-

5. Kerala 35,50,000/-
6. Madhya Pradesh 20,00,000/-

7 Mizoram 8,00,000/-

8. Orissa 17,30,000/-

9. Punjab 50,00,000
10. Rajasthan 40,55,000/-
11. Uttar Pradesh 15,10,000/-
12. West Bengal 5,10,000/-
13. Pondicherry 10,00,000/-
14. Supreme Court Legal Services Committee 17,00,000/-

Grand Total	332,55,000/-